

Honorable Roger Hilsman
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Dear Roger:

Now that the business of transferring the NIS is winding up, I think we should get to work at once on arrangements for carrying on State's future role as it was outlined in the enclosure with your note of 21 March 1961 to the Director.

It seems essential that the State member of the NIS Permanent Committee bear responsibility for supervising all the various functions, and serve as the focal point for all interagency NIS activities involving State, of which there will be many.

Analysts of all the NIS contributing agencies will be consulting INR files, requests for information from field posts will be processed through State, and section drafts must be transmitted to posts for review and comment. Then, too, it is important that appropriate INR regional officers and State desk officers look over the section drafts to make sure that the Department's views are made known.

All of this will involve much paperhandling, movement of materials, and recordkeeping, and the centralization of responsibility seems essential. I think we should act at once on this, so that there will be an overlap with Dan Clinton, who is signing off early in December, and his successor.

Sincerely,

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